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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Members,

Let me start by thanking you for electing me to this office. It is an honor to serve each of you in the coming year. I would also like to thank all of the past presidents that have put so much effort in this organization to keep it going for these many years. I am proud to follow you all.

We have many tasks ahead of us this year including relocating our annual show and convention to Greensboro. This will be a huge undertaking. We are doing this trusting that we can count on the support of the membership. For many years you have ask that it be moved and we have heard your requests and action has been taken. Our goal is to make this the largest show in North Carolina as soon as possible.

One goal that I have is to make our organization more educational based around the hobby itself. I feel very strongly that we need to offer more to members and also ask members to participate in information sharing with the rest of us. Each member is a wealth of knowledge that we need to tap into. I would also like to have guest speakers from time to time in locations accessible to all members.

In closing I would like to say that I would like to see us increase membership. In order to do that we need to offer all members' good reasons to join and remain a functioning part of the body of the organization. No member should feel that he or she is left out in any way. We should be an NCNA of inclusion and not exclusion. I would encourage all members to attend any and all meetings of the board in the coming year. I will do my best to see that you are made aware of these meetings. If you would like to be on a distribution list, please submit your email address to me and I will see that you are notified.

Jim Neely
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PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As past President, I want to thank the Members, the Officers and the Board of Directors for all the support that I was given while in office. These six years have passed by quickly. We have begun moving in the right direction as to bring the Organization into the 21th Century. Many things were done to start this process. Updating the Journal, updating the Bylaws, and especially seeing the Membership taking more of an interest in the Organization. We can look forward to more improvements with the new President, Jim Neely, and the Board working together to move it further. A lot of new ideas are coming out and you will be seeing more changes in the Journal and the new webmaster will be updating the website and will be working with the Membership.

The State Convention is moving to Greensboro for 2013, should help with more of the Membership being able to be involved, so if at some time you are approached by one of the Board Members to help, please accept and give a hand. They will need your support to continue to make advancements to make this

This is your Organization so continue to take a part and be active.

See you at a Show or local Club,

Bill Brewer
Past President

EDITOR' NOTES

NCNA is looking for help from local clubs for volunteer work when NCNA moves the Convention to Greensboro in 2013. If you live in that area and belong to a local coin club, please talk with the members and see if any help can be provided. NCNA can use all of the help they can get since there is so much in putting on a show for the collectors in this hobby.

We are always looking for articles from the membership to include in the Quarterly Journal. If you have something that you would like to share just contact me at the address or phone number listed below.

As always be aware of your surrounding when attending or setting up at shows and be safe!!!

Ron Blackman
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2012 AWARDS

The following were presented during the NCNA 2012 Annual Convention:

John J Pittman Award

This award was presented to **John McCauley** for his contribution to numismatics in North Carolina.

Young Numismatist Award

Destiny Medina received this award to recognize the Young Numismatist for his contribution in promoting the Numismatic Hobby in North Carolina.

Bason Literary Award

This award was presented to **Ron Blackman** for his contribution to the NCNA Quarterly Journal.

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HUMAN NATURE REPEATS ITSELF - HISTORY DOES NOT
Part 2 of 2 (the first part was in the Apr-Jun Journal)
By Rodney Bobak

I would now like to trace the eagle in Western Europe's lineage. As the Roman Empire fell in 476 AD to barbarian tribes from the east, the old Roman nobility intermarried with the Tribal leadership to create a new ruling aristocracy. The only entity carrying on Roman learning, organization and language was the Catholic Church. By 800 AD the Frankish Kingdom, led by Charlemagne (Figure 1), had untied most of Western Europe. This dude towered over his subjects at 6 foot 4 inches, since most everybody was 5 foot 2 inches! Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne, "Chuck" to his friends, as Holy Roman emperor and successor to the old Empire's authority. This was the "1st Reich" or Empire.

Figure 1. Charlemagne with Eagle Coat of Arms. 800AD Holy Roman Emperor

He chose an eagle banner as his symbol, but his coinage didn't reflect this device. His Denier coins (Figure 2), based upon the Denarius of Rome, were rather simplistic and bland-close to 6th grade art class-with no eagle. His descendants split up his realm, which was re-assembled in the German part by Otto I, who took up the title of Holy Roman Emperor. His and his descendants took up the Imperial Eagle (Figure 3), but not on their coins; eagles were still too hard to do by Western minters. The Hohenstaufen (can you say that fast three times while patting your head and hitting the delete key?) Dynasty followed Otto's kin, but were also unable to place eagles on coins.

Figure 2. Silver Denarus of Charlemagne after 800AD.

Figure 3. Arms of Otto I Holy Roman Emperor AD961. The "First Reich" or Empire.

It took the Hapsburg Dynasty to finally put the eagle on their legal tender, but their eagle was double-headed and started its appearance "after" the Byzantine Empire fell to the Turks.

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A case can be made that the Hapsburgs wanted to "cash in" on the authority of the Eastern Emperors by using the two-headed bird. Except for an ever-changing Coat of Arms on its chest, this eagle doesn't change much from the late 15th to the late 19th Centuries (Figures 4, & 5). The Holy Roman Empire's influence in Central Europe, especially the 300 large and small German States, withered away until it became a title without poser after the Thirty Years War (1618-1648). The emperor controlled only his hereditary lands in Austria and whatever else Austria had. In German, Austria is "Osterreich" or East-Kingdom, because it was Charlemagne's eastern-most defense of his realm. The most enduring coin of the Austrian Empire is the Maria Theresa Thaler (Figure 6). Although the eagle must now sport a pairing of her and her husband's Coat of Arms (she can't be Holy Roman Emperor, but she still wears the pants in the family), all the devices and titles are the same as previous issues.

Figure 4. Austrian Empire Under Maximillian I (later 1500s) Coats of Arms Surround Eagle.

Figure 5. Austrian Empire Under Ferdinand III AD 1651 Conical Crown with Quartered Shielf on the Eagle.

Figure 6. Maria Theresia Thaler of Austrian Empire Rounded Crown with Doubly Quartered Arms.

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HUMAN NATURE REPEATS ITSELF - HISTORY DOES NOT (Continued)

Maria Theresa recued the Austrian Empire from near destruction and the country chose to honor her by continuously minting her last coin of 1780, when she died. One can only guess the age of M.T. Thaler….232 years (Figure 7) or last year. They are beautiful coins.

Figure 7. Four Ducats of Austrian Empire under Franz Joseph II with Rounded Crown and Evolved Arms Surrounded by Chain of Office.

Her successors changed little in the design of the eagle except for the style and length of the feathers and the ever-evolving Coat of Arms due to royal marriages. When the 300 German States to the north and west of Austria (There was no Germany, just a bunch of Germanys) were consolidated by Napoleon into 30 States, several had eagles on their coinage, but no one claimed Imperial Authority. With the birth of a united German Empire, or 2nd Reich, based upon Prussia in 1871, the world saw a one-headed German Eagle (Figure 8) appear with just a crown. When the German and Austrian Empires collapsed after WWI, both new republics, which followed, sported much humbler eagles with one head (Figure 9).

Figure 8. German Empire (2nd Reich) 1871-1918

Figure 9. Austrian Republic After WWI. Crown on Eagle even though it's a Republic.

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HUMAN NATURE REPEATS ITSELF - HISTORY DOES NOT (Continued)

At this point, I must say that Napoleon Bonaparte, while Emperor of France, declined to assume the trappings of the Roman Empire; he chose to link his reign with the Roman Republic and directed the artistic energies of numerous French artists, Jacques David being a major one, in that direction. His great-nephew, Napoleon III, did use the Roman Eagle (one-headed variety) on the coins of the 2nd Empire (Figure 10). Hitler used the German Republic's Eagle, but linked the glorious past to his administration with the use of the phrase "Third Reich" (Figure 11). Last, but not the least of the borrowers, was "The Chin", Benito Mussolini. He drew heavily from Roman iconology, but his propaganda machine utilized postage more readily than coinage (Figure 12).

Figure 10. French Empire under Napoleon III.

Figure 11. German Republic after WWI.

Figure 12. 2 Lira issued by Italy under Mussolini.

Iclose with two examples of folks, who didn't want to be linked with Rome. The Poland claims the hero, Lech, founded the nation around the year 800 AD. He saw an eagle in the morning and thought it would be a nifty symbol (Figure 13). The fact that Russia, Austria and Germany, who have surrounded Poland and taking turns beating her up for centuries, all sport eagles is just coincidence. Then there is the strange Kingdom of Albania. This country's symbol was the double-headed eagle (Figure 14), which they claim has nothing to do with the Byzantine Empire even though they were part of it for over 1200 years. Albanian legend says a hunter was blessed by an eagle, whose eaglet he had saved. From hence we get Shqiperia or Albania, the land of Eagles! Personally, I've never seen a double -headed eagle flying about. I, however, haven't been to Chernobyl since the accident in 1986.

Figure 13. Polish Republic.

Figure 14. Kingdom of Albania.

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By Tony Swicer

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2 Another call. “Do you grade coins?”. I said yes. He comes in with a 2003 gold proof set and says, “Are they PR-69 or PR-70” I said, “I’m sorry sir I grade old coins, not bullion”.

3. A customer comes in with a bunch of coins in cardboard 2X2’s. All the coins were modern Kennedy’s, SBA’s, etc. and every price on the 2X2 had an obvious extra digit on it. A 1971 Kennedy had a price of $51 and so on. I just said, not interested.

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5 Jan 1945	Japanese pilots received the first order to become Kamikaze, or "Divine Wind." The suicidal blitz of the Kamikazes revealed Japan's desperation in the final months of World War II. Most of Japan's top pilots were dead, but youngsters needed little training to take planes full of explosives and crash them into ships. At Okinawa, they sank 30 ships and killed almost 5,000 Americans
10 Jan 1356	Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV assigns gold and silver mines and rights of coinage to princes and electors of the empire.
21 Jan 1980	Gold bullion value peaks at $850 oz. in London. **Now look at the price of gold!!!**
28 Jan 1986	At 11:38 am EST the space shuttle Challenger lifts off from Cape Canaveral, FL. Seventy-three seconds later, hundreds on the ground stared in disbelief as the shuttle exploded in a forked plume of smoke and fire. There were no survivors. Do you know where you were? I (editor) was in FL at that time and witness the explosion.
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